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FOR KELLY

SUBJECT: PLANT PROTECTION MEASURES FOR 1974/75

FOLLOWING FROM STEVENSON. FLOOD PLAIN CULTIVATION ACCORDING LATEST INFORMATION OCLALAV APPROXIMATELY 200,000 HA OUT OF 370,000 HA ABOVE AREA IN MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, MALI STILL TO BE TREATED. OCLALAV AND OICMA HAVE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO CONTINUE TREATMENT OPERATION. INSECTICIDES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN FRANCE, ABIDJAN, DAKAR. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SHORT PERIOD LEFT FOR OPERATION AND RECENT CONTRIBUTION FROM U.S., SWEDEN, FRG AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION OF MAURITANIA APPROXIMATELY \$350 - 400,000 URGENTLY REQUIRED TO FINANCE PURCHASE OF INSECTICIDES AND COVER OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR ACTION PARTICULARLY IN MALI. IN ADDITION OCLALAV ESTIMATES THAT REPLENISHMENT OF 80,000 LITERS INSECTICIDES MAINTAINED FOR ITS REGULAR ACTIVITIES BUT RECENTLY USED FOR EMERGENCY OPERATION WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$500,000. IN LINE WITH USAID AGREEMENT IN SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM AND THE RECENT DISCUSSION HELD ON THE SUBJECT AT ROME WOULD HIGHLY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION BY INDICATING MODUS AND SCOPE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT USAID MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.VOLPE

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